

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2007

**A RESOLUTION SEEKING FULL ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING
STATUTES AND REGULATIONS TO DENY BENEFITS TO, AND SEEK
THE REMOVAL OF, FOREIGN NATIONALS UNLAWFULLY IN THIS
COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY.**

Sponsored By: Councilman Doug Hawkins

WHEREAS, unlawful immigration is a problem of great magnitude in the United States and in our community, and

WHEREAS, many criminals and persons improperly seeking government benefits have been accompanying the tide of generally peaceable and law-biding foreign nationals who ignore United States immigration laws to seek employment in this country, and

WHEREAS, this situation has now reached so serious a stage that even violent alien gangs such as MS-13 are now operating in this community, and

WHEREAS, there are already a great many Federal and State laws that do not permit persons unlawfully in the United States to receive the benefits of government programs if such status is made known, and

WHEREAS, while the enforcement of the immigration laws is primarily a Federal responsibility under the US Constitution, Congress has authorized state and local authorities to assist Federal law enforcement agencies in portions of this function, as well as the fact, that simply as a consequence of violating immigration laws, those persons often violate the laws of states and local government, and

WHEREAS, several local governments in the United States such as Prince William County, VA have demonstrated that Constitutionally-acceptable laws and policies can be put in place that insure unlawful immigrants do not receive benefits to

which they are not entitled and that police agencies deal efficiently with any such persons when they are encountered.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That every agency of the Metro Government should have in place a written policy on what services and benefits the agency may not provide to persons not lawfully within the United States, and what action should be taken when such persons attempt to fraudulently obtain such services and benefits.

SECTION II. That every agency of the Metro Government should have in place methods and training to insure that false social security cards or other identity documents are quickly detected when proffered and the perpetrators reported to Metro and federal law enforcement authorities.

SECTION III. That the Metro Police and Metro Corrections receive training to the maximum extent offered by the Federal government in the detection, apprehension and transfer of persons unlawfully within the United States or those conspiring with or assisting such persons.

SECTION IV. That the Metro Mayor is commended to take all reasonable measures within his executive power to insure the laws pertaining to persons improperly in the United States are enforced, including Memorandums of Agreement to conduct immigration enforcement by all local police agencies under Section 287(g) of the Immigration Nationality Act.

SECTION V. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

Rick Blackwell
President of the Council

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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